

# Semiannual Progress Report Selection of Remedy – Sutherland Generating Station

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## 1.0 INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE

The Semiannual Progress Report for remedy selection at the Interstate Power and Light Company (IPL) former Sutherland Generating Station (SGS) was prepared to comply with U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) regulations regarding the Disposal of Coal Combustion Residuals (CCR) from Electric Utilities [40 CFR 257.50-107], or the “CCR Rule” (Rule). Specifically, the selection of remedy process was initiated to fulfill the requirements of 40 CFR 257.97.

## 1.1 BACKGROUND

The SGS multi-unit CCR surface impoundment system consists of four closed inactive CCR surface impoundments. The SGS multi-unit system was closed and capped in 2020. A Notification of Completion of Closure pursuant to 40 CFR 257.102(d) was issued by Alliant Energy on June 12, 2020.

Post-closure groundwater monitoring concentrations of lithium were found at a statistically significant level (SSL) above the Groundwater Protection Standard (GPS) in groundwater samples from downgradient monitoring well MW-306. In response, the Assessment of Corrective Measures (ACM) for the closed and capped SGS multi-unit system was completed on June 22, 2022.

This Semiannual Progress Report summarizes data collected and remedy evaluation progress made since the ACM was completed in June 2022, and outlines planned future activities to complete the selection of remedy process. This semiannual progress report covers the 6-month period of September 2022 through March 1, 2023.

## 1.2 SITE INFORMATION AND MAPS

SGS is located at 3001 E. Main Street Road in Marshalltown, Marshall County, Iowa (**Figure 1**). Four closed CCR surface impoundments are present at SGS. Closure and capping of the surface impoundments was completed in 2020. A Notification of Completion of Closure pursuant to 40 CFR 257.102(d) was issued by Alliant Energy on June 12, 2020.

The SGS groundwater monitoring network is a multi-unit system that monitors the closure area for the following inactive CCR units:

- SGS North Primary Pond (inactive surface impoundment – closed June 2020).
- SGS South Primary Pond (inactive surface impoundment – closed June 2020).
- SGS Main Pond (inactive surface impoundment – closed June 2020).
- SGS Polishing Pond (inactive surface impoundment – closed June 2020).

The system is designed to detect monitored constituents at the waste boundary of the SGS CCR units as required by 40 CFR 257.91(d). The groundwater monitoring system consists of two background wells, five downgradient compliance monitoring wells at the waste boundary, two upgradient delineation wells, and six downgradient delineation wells. The background wells include MW-301 and MW-302. The downgradient compliance wells include MW-303, MW-304, MW-305, MW-306, and MW-312. The upgradient delineation wells are MW-307 and MW-308 and the downgradient delineation wells include MW-306A, MW-309, MW-310, MW-311, MW-313, and MW-314.

A map showing the limits of the former CCR units, the closure area, background (or upgradient) monitoring wells, downgradient monitoring wells, and delineation wells with identification numbers for the CCR groundwater monitoring program is provided as **Figure 2**.

## **2.0 SUMMARY OF WORK COMPLETED**

Work completed to support remedy selection for the SGS CCR Unit is summarized in **Table 1**. Activities completed within the 6-month period of September 2022 through March 1, 2023, covered by this semiannual report are discussed in more detail below.

### **2.1 MONITORING NETWORK CHANGES**

Monitoring wells MW-309, MW-310, and MW-311 were installed in May 2022 with Phase 1 of a two-phased plan for additional well installations. Downgradient groundwater quality and groundwater flow direction data obtained from the Phase 1 well installations were used to design the locations of four additional monitoring wells that were installed in February and March 2023 during Phase 2. The installation of the four additional Phase 2 monitoring wells occurred after permitting and tree and shrub clearing for well site access were completed.

The Phase 2 wells include two delineation water table wells, one delineation piezometer, and one additional compliance monitoring well. The new delineation water table wells are MW-313 and MW-314. The new delineation piezometer is MW-306A, and the new compliance well is MW-312. The water table wells and piezometers will provide additional understanding of the horizontal and vertical extent of lithium GPS exceedances. The additional compliance well is located between existing compliance wells MW-305 and MW-306.

### **2.2 GROUNDWATER MONITORING**

Since the September 2022 semiannual update, groundwater samples were collected during October 2022.

- The October monitoring event was part of the routine semiannual assessment monitoring program.
- The wells sampled included the six wells in the original monitoring system (MW-301 through MW-306), two additional upgradient delineation wells (MW-307 and MW-308), and three downgradient delineation wells (MW-309, MW-310, and MW-311).

A summary of groundwater samples collected since submittal of the ACM is provided in **Table 2**.

### **2.3 STATISTICAL EVALUATION**

An update to the statistical evaluation of groundwater monitoring results, including upper prediction limits and upper tolerance limits calculations, was performed in January 2023 and will be discussed in the 2022 Annual Groundwater Monitoring and Corrective Action Report due by August 1, 2023. Based on the October 2022 monitoring results, lithium at MW-306 is present at an SSL above the GPS. The observed results are consistent with previous SSL determinations.

## 2.4 EVALUATION OF CORRECTIVE MEASURE ALTERNATIVES

A qualitative assessment of potential Corrective Measure Alternatives using the selection criteria in 40 CFR 257.97(b) and (c) was provided in the June 2022 ACM. No updates or changes to the assessment have been made based on additional information obtained since the ACM was issued.

IPL continues to develop and evaluate preliminary remedy designs for the closed and capped multi-unit system at SGS. Groundwater sampling and analysis have been ongoing and continue for the development and evaluation of preliminary remedy designs.

Additional delineation wells have recently been installed to further define the downgradient nature and extent of the lithium GPS exceedances in groundwater. An additional compliance well was also installed to further refine the understanding of the limits of lithium GPS exceedances at the compliance boundary. The information collected from the expanded groundwater monitoring system and delineation wells will be used to refine the conceptual model of the site and further develop the groundwater corrective action alternatives.

An updated assessment of the potential Corrective Measure Alternatives using the selection criteria in 40 CFR 257.97(b) and (c) will be provided in the required Selection of Remedy Report after updates to the conceptual site model, delineation of the nature and extent of impacts, and collection of additional data relevant to remedy selection are completed.

## 3.0 PLANNED ACTIVITIES

Planned activities related to the remedy selection process include the following:

- Update the groundwater monitoring network certification to include new compliance well MW-312.
- Install low flow pumps and perform the initial sampling of the Phase 2 monitoring wells.
- Sample the new compliance well quarterly until four sampling rounds have been completed. Analyze the samples for Appendix III and Appendix IV parameters. Include supplemental parameters to characterize aquifer conditions in at least two of the first four sampling rounds.
- Continue semiannual assessment monitoring at well network and new monitoring wells.
- Review groundwater flow and groundwater quality results to assist in further evaluation of corrective action alternatives.
- Update the conceptual site model based on findings of nature and extent investigation.
- Continue evaluation of remedial options.
- Hold a public meeting
- Issue an SOR report.

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## Tables

- 1 Timeline for Completed Work – Assessment of Corrective Measures
- 2 CCR Rule Groundwater Samples Summary



**Table 1. Timeline for Completed Work - Assessment of Corrective Measures  
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Date	Activity
<b>Activities Completed During Previous Semiannual Reporting Periods</b>	
June 2022	Completed the Assessment of Corrective Measures.
June 2022	Completed the statistical evaluation and results letter for the April and May groundwater monitoring events.
July 2022	Completed the 2021 Annual Groundwater Monitoring and Corrective Action Report.
August 2022	Conduct additional groundwater monitoring for MW-309, MW-310, MW-311.
August 2022	Completed the well documentation report for the monitoring wells MW-309, MW-310, and MW-311.
<b>Activities Completed During Current Semiannual Reporting Period</b>	
September 2022	Alliant Energy contacted the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) for evaluation of potential protected bat species habitat at the proposed locations for monitoring wells MW-306A, MW-312, MW-313, and MW-314.
September 2022	Alliant Energy received approval from the USFW for the clearing of access routes and proposed delineation well locations as long as it was performed before April 1, 2023.
September 2022	Completed Semiannual Progress Report for the Selection of Remedy.
September 2022	Revised proposed locations of additional delineation wells based on groundwater elevation data from new delineation wells MW-309, MW-310, and MW-311.
September 2022	SCS performed reconnaissance proposed delineation well MW-306A, MW-312, MW-313, and MW-314 locations and identify access routes that require tree clearing.
September 2022	SCS provided request for proposal to Asplundh to perform tree clearing of access routes and well locations for proposed delineation monitoring wells MW-306A, MW-312, MW-313, and MW-314.
October 2022	Completed the semiannual groundwater assessment monitoring event for all wells.
October 2022	Asplundh performed reconnaissance of access routes and proposed delineation well locations to determine the viability of providing access and developing a cost proposal.
October 2022 - December 2022	SCS negotiated service order terms with Asplundh for tree clearing needed to install delineation monitoring wells MW-306A, MW-312, MW-313, and MW-314.
November 2022	Statistical evaluation for the August 2022 supplemental sampling event
December 2022	Completed August 2022 Groundwater Monitoring Results Report.
December 2022	Scheduled tree clearing for access to install delineation monitoring wells for January 2023
January 2023 - February 2023	Asplundh rescheduled tree clearing for the installation of the delineation monitoring wells several times to weather conditions that were too cold (below zero) or warm weather that created muddy conditions and prevented heavy equipment used. The clearing was finally completed in mid-February.
January 2023 - February 2023	Performed permitting and driller subcontracting for delineation well installations.
February 2023	Completed October 2022 Groundwater Monitoring Results Report.
February 2023	Performed utility clearance for delineation monitoring well installations.
February 2023	Installed and developed delineation monitoring wells MW-306A, MW-313, and compliance monitoring well MW-312.
March 2023	Installed and developed delineation monitoring well MW-314. Completed development and hydraulic conductivity testing of monitoring wells MW-306A, MW-312, MW-313, and MW-314.

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**Table 2. Groundwater Samples Summary  
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Sample Dates	Background Wells		Compliance Wells				Delineation Wells				
	MW-301	MW-302	MW-303	MW-304	MW-305	MW-306	MW-307	MW-308	MW-309	MW-310	MW-311
2/3/2020	A	A	A	A	A	A	NI	NI	NI	NI	NI
4/7/2020	A	A	A	A	A	A	NI	NI	NI	NI	NI
5/11/2020	--	--	--	--	Add.	Add.	NI	NI	NI	NI	NI
10/13/2020	A	A	A	A	A	A	NI	NI	NI	NI	NI
2/24/2021	--	--	--	--	--	Add.	NI	NI	NI	NI	NI
4/6/2021	A	A	A	A	A	A	NI	NI	NI	NI	NI
7/14/2021	--	--	--	--	--	Add.	NI	NI	NI	NI	NI
10/26/2021	A	A	A	A	A	A	NI	NI	NI	NI	NI
12/9/2021	--	--	--	--	--	--	Add.	Add.	NI	NI	NI
4/21-22/2022	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	NI	NI	NI
5/12/2022	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	Add.	Add.	Add.
8/11/2022	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	Add.	Add.	Add.
10/10-12/2022	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
Total Samples	7	7	7	7	8	10	3	3	3	3	3

Abbreviations:

A = Assessment Monitoring Program

NI = Not Installed

Add. = Additional sample

-- = Not Applicable

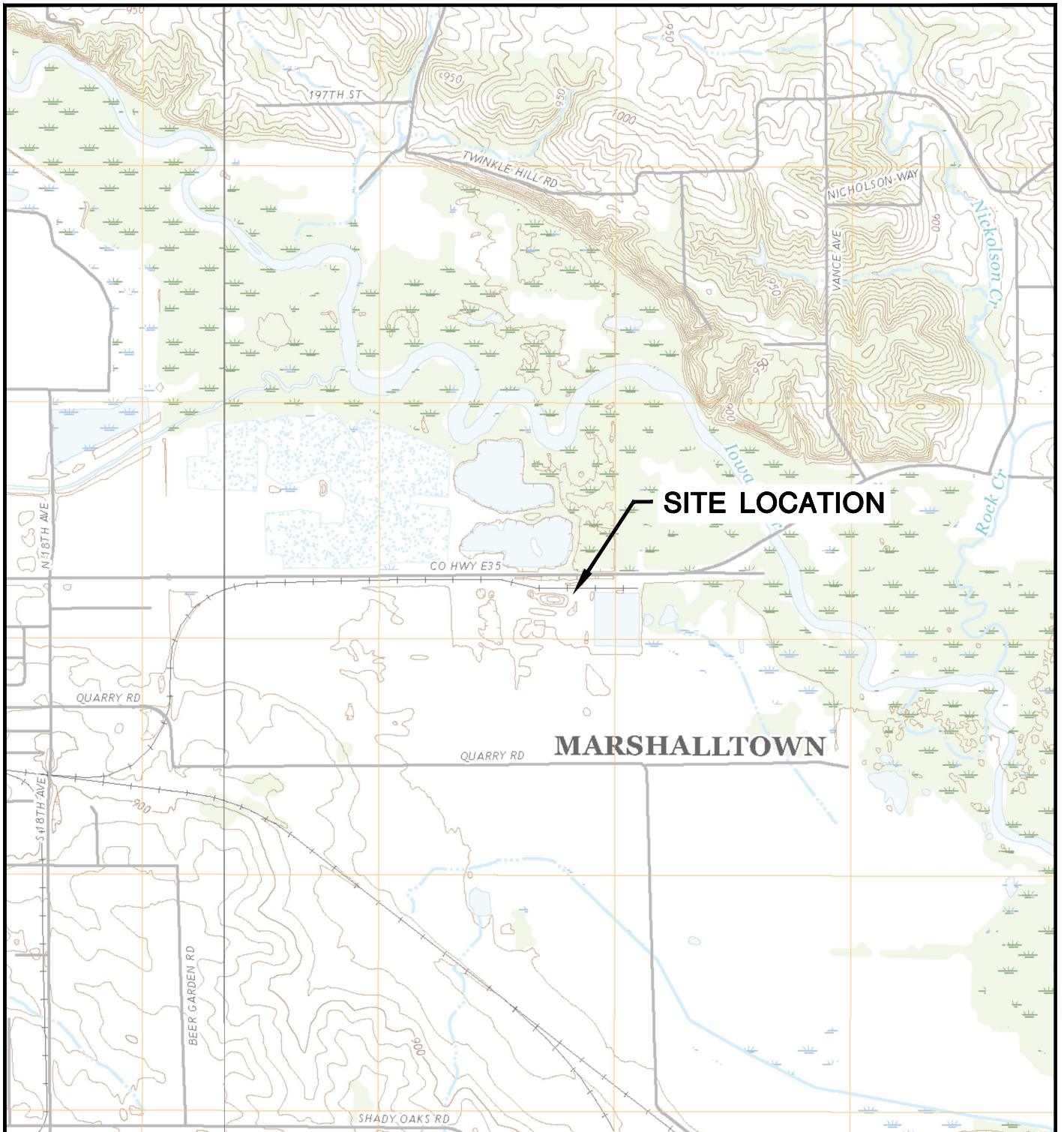
**Note:**

1. New compliance well MW-312 and new delineation wells MW-306A, MW-313, and MW-314 were installed on February 28, and March 1, 2023. The initial sampling of these wells is scheduled for March or April 2023.

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## Figures

- 1 Site Location Map
- 2 Site Plan and Monitoring Well Locations



**SITE LOCATION**

**MARSHALLTOWN**



LE GRAND QUADRANGLE  
 IOWA—MARSHALL COUNTY  
 7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)  
 2018  
 SCALE: 1" = 2,000'



CLIENT	ALLIANT ENERGY 4902 N. BILTMORE LANE, #1000 MADISON, WI 53718		SITE	ALLIANT ENERGY SUTHERLAND GENERATING STATION MARSHALLTOWN, IOWA		ENGINEER	SITE LOCATION MAP	
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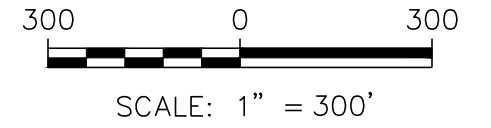


**LEGEND**

- CCR MONITORING WELL
- CCR BACKGROUND MONITORING WELL
- PIEZOMETER
- FINAL CLOSURE AREA LIMITS

**NOTES:**

1. 2020 AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH SOURCES: ESRI, DIGITALGLOBE, GEOEYE, I-CUBED, USDA FSA, USGS, AEX, GETMAPPING, AEROGRIID, IGN, IGP, SWISSTOPO, AND THE GIS USER COMMUNITY.
2. MONITORING WELLS MW-301 THROUGH MW-306 WERE INSTALLED BY DIRECT PUSH ANALYTICAL, NOVEMBER 20-21, 2017.
3. MONITORING WELLS MW-307 AND MW-308 WERE INSTALLED BY TERRACON, INC. IN NOVEMBER 30, 2021.
4. MONITORING WELLS MW-309, MW-310, AND MW-311 WERE INSTALLED BY DIRECT PUSH ANALYTICAL ON MAY 4, 2022.
5. THE BACKGROUND MONITORING WELLS FOR THE SUTHERLAND GENERATING STATION ARE MW-301 AND MW-302.
6. MONITORING WELLS MW-306A, MW-312, MW-313, AND MW-314 WERE INSTALLED BY DIRECT PUSH ANALYTICAL ON FEBRUARY 28, 2023 THROUGH MARCH 1, 2023.



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